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AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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The paragraph at lines 5-7 has been amended as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of Applicants' prior application Serial No. 09/359,686 filed July 23, 1999, assigned to the same assignee, which is now U. S. Patent 6,418,419. The disclosure of that prior application is incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 remain in the application.

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for lacking a sufficient written description. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

At the outset, it is acknowledged that the claims are not rejected for lack of "enablement". In contrast, the Examiner alleges that the "written description" of the application, as originally filed, does not contemplate or describe a "computer assisted" method, or one "using a computer". These allegations are respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Support in Original Specification

First of all, it is set forth in the first paragraph of page 1 that this application is a CIP of SN 09/359,686 filed July 23, 1999 (now USP 6,418,419). A review of the '419 patent shows that such is an electronic trading system for securities using a computer network. See for example col. 1, and the block